

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-24 were pending. Claim 24 is cancelled in this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the canceled claim in this or another application.

**II. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

Claims 1-9, 11-19 and 22-24 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent 6,221,654 B1. Claim 10 was rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent 6,221,654 B1 and Kawazumi et al. See paragraphs 2-21 and 44 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-19, 21-23 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent 6,344,325 B1. Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent 6,344,325 B1 and Pace. Claim 10 was rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent 6,344,325 B1 and Pace. See paragraphs 22-43 of the Office Action.

These rejections are overcome by Applicants submission herewith of a Terminal Disclaimer reciting U.S. patent Nos. 6,221,654 B1 and 6,344,325 B1. This disclaimer is submitted solely to expedite prosecution and does not indicate agreement with the rejections.

**III. Rejections under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph**

Claim 15 was rejected as lacking antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claim 15 to correct a typographical error and believe the rejection is overcome.

**IV. Rejections under 35 USC §102(b)**

The rejection of claim 24 as allegedly anticipated by Chin (US 5,096,554) is moot in view of the cancellation without prejudice of the claim.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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